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| COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY |) | |
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| Petition for expedited approval of implementation of a market-based alternative tariff, to become effective on or before May 1, 2000, pursuant to Article IX and Section 16-112 |))) | Docket No. 00 - 0259 |
| of the Public Utilities Act. | <u> </u> | |

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF COMMONWEALTH EDISON'S PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE MARKET VALUE CALCULATION METHODOLOGY

David F. Garce, having been duly sworn, does depose and say as follows:

- 1. My name is David F. Grace. I am the President of the Illinois Energy

 Consortium (IEC), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation that is a state-wide energy purchasing
 consortium. It is a joint program of the Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois

 Association of School Administrators, and Illinois Association of School Business Officials.

 IEC participants are primarily public schools across the state. Over 900 school facilities have
 chosen to purchase electricity through the IEC. Over 400 of those facilities are located in the

 ComEd service territory. CILCO is the Retail Electric Supplier for the IEC.
- 2. We have been following the Commission workshop process relating to the development of an alternative to the neutral fact finder process for establishing market values as set forth in Section 16-112. See 220 ILCS 5/16-112.
- 3. I have reviewed the petition to be filed by ComEd, agree with the conclusions reached therein, and urge the Commission to expeditiously enter an order placing ComEd's proposed tariff into effect not later than May 1, 2000.

4. In further support of the petition, I state that Commission approval of this filing is critical to the development of a competitive power supply market in Illinois to have an alternative power supply market valuation methodology that reflects actual Illinois market conditions, particularly for summer months. This filing does provide for competitive power supply market values and will significantly encourage power supply competitors and competition for this summer and for the foreseeable power supply seasons. We strongly believe this filing is good for the IEC and the Illinois schools that receive benefits from this electric choice of power suppliers.

5. The Affidavit of NICOR, attached to the ComEd filing, includes more fully-developed arguments regarding the importance of having administratively-measured prices actually reflect observed market prices from a forward market perspective. We agree with NICOR's statement and strongly believe that a competitive power supply market will not develop without this movement to actual market prices and the corresponding reductions in the Customer Transition Charges.

[Name]

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to

before me this 3/ot day of March, 2000.

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My commission expires

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